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WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES, 1939-1940.

In the week ending September 27, Industrial Material prices reacted to cancel the advance of the preceding week, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index, on the base August 1939=100, fell from 122.0 for the week ending September 20 to 121.4. The Stable price series was unchanged at 117.6, but the Sensitive Material price group, including Manufacturing and Food Materials, declined from 125.0 to 124.0. Reductions in linseed oil and raw silk outweighed advances in rubber, cotton and wool to lower the index for Manufacturing Materials from 123.3 to 122.4, while Food Materials dropped from 129.6 to 128.2, when a rise in oats failed to offset decreases in wheat and steers.

General Wholesale Commodity prices moved lower also, declining from 83.0 for the week ending September 20 to 82.8 for the week ending September 27. Textiles, Non-Ferrous Metals and Non-Metallic Minerals were buoyant, while decreases predominated in Vegetable Products and Animal Products. Since the middle of July, this index has moved between the levels of 82.4 and 83.0, and at the present reading is approximately 6 p.c. above the corresponding week of last year.

The index for Canadian Farm Products fell from 64.1 to 63.5. Field Products declined from 50.8 to 50.1, largely due to weakness in grains and potatoes, and Animal Products fell from 86.3 to 85.8, when a decrease in livestock proved of more importance than advances in hides, eggs and wool.

Percentage Changes in Principal Commodities Between the Weeks ended September 20th and 27th.

- Increases: plate glass 5.3, imported copper wire bars 4.3, raw cocoa 3.8, raw coffee 2.9, hides 2.1, gasoline 1.6, raw wool 0.9.
- Decreases: flour and milled products 3.5, livestock 3.1, fresh meats 2.4, potatoes 2.4, wheat 2.2, raw silk 0.6.

	No. of	1939	1940	1939	1940	
	Price	Sept. 29	Sept. 20	Sept. 27	Sept. 29	Sept. 20
	Series	29	20	27	29	20
		(1926=100)			(August 1939=100)	
INDUSTRIAL MATERIAL PRICES .....	30	75.5	79.2	78.8	116.1	122.0
Stable .....	12	90.8	103.9	103.9	102.7	117.6
Sensitive .....	18	67.1	66.0	65.5	126.6	125.0
Manufacturing .....	13	66.9	65.2	64.7	126.0	123.3
Food .....	5	67.4	68.2	67.5	128.1	129.6
	No. of	1939		1940		
	Price	Sept. 29	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27
	Series	29	6	13	20	27
		(1926=100)				
GENERAL WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES .....	567	77.9	82.9	83.0	83.0	82.8
Chief Component Groups						
I. Vegetable Products .....	135	67.7	70.1	70.3	69.9	69.2
II. Animals and Their Products .....	76	78.6	78.1	78.8	78.9	78.7
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products .....	85	70.3	83.6	83.5	83.6	83.8
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper .....	49	81.5	91.0	91.0	91.1	91.1
V. Iron and Its Products .....	44	99.5	105.8	105.8	106.0	106.0
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products .....	18	74.6	77.3	77.2	77.2	77.7
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products .....	83	84.8	90.4	90.4	90.6	90.8
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products .....	77	80.7	90.3	90.3	90.4	90.4
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS .....	70	64.5	63.8	64.4	64.1	63.5

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